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45-11 Henrietta St. (South side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1845-1855

This side of Henrietta St., west of Light St., is improved by several different groups of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, built by various local house carpenters including William and Samuel Harman. The houses were built contemporaneously with John S. Gittings's similar rows to the south along Hamburg and Light Streets and were intended for a working class market. Many are currently being renovated.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

27-29 Henrietta St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
___ STRUCTURE
___ SITE
___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS
___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
___ UNOCCUPIED
___ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
___ YES: UNRESTRICTED
___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE
___ COMMERCIAL
___ EDUCATIONAL
___ ENTERTAINMENT
___ GOVERNMENT
___ INDUSTRIAL
___ MILITARY
___ MUSEUM
___ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ RELIGIOUS
___ SCIENTIFIC
___ TRANSPORTATION
___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs was built in the late 1840's as part of the development of this side of Henrietta St. The houses were built by the same builder who constructed the neighboring houses at 31-39 Henrietta St.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 10'9" wide, and occupy lots 51 1/2' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and has a one story high, two bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple, two-tier brick cornice. 27 Henrietta St has a single hooded chimney located along the west side of the rear roof gable; 29 Henrietta has a double rectangular chimney located along the east side of the rear roof gable.

The two facades currently have different lintel treatments. Whether this was always the case is not clear. At 27 Henrietta St. the first and second floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums. At 29 Henrietta St. the facade seems to have been re-faced with new brickwork and the window openings now have flat wood lintels. The attic story windows of both houses have flat wood lintels and all of the sills are wood. The first and second story window openings of both houses are filled with new 6/6 double hung sash; the attic story windows are filled with new 3/3 sash. Both houses have modern six panel doors. 27 Henrietta St. has a single light transom; 29 Henrietta St. has a three-light transom. The houses sit on low basements, the entrances being reached by one brick step at 27 and one stone step at 29 Henrietta St. Each house has a coal opening set within the sidewalk under the first floor window.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1847-48

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William H. Harmon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are representative of a large group of such two story plus attic houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in this section of Federal Hill to accomodate the growing labor force centered around the Baltimore waterfront. Although showing possible stylistic influences from Greek Revival style buildings constructed in Baltimore in the 1820's and 1830's (in the proportions of the attic windows and the chaste exterior details), the outstanding feature of these houses is their extreme simplicity of design and detailing. They are practical adaptations of a current mode of building, designed to meet the need for efficient, low-cost housing for a growing working class community. The floor plan is essentially the same as that of the two story with dormer windows type of house which generally preceded this type chronologically --the two main floors having both a front and back room separated by an enclosed, narrow, and tightly winding staircase. Both front and back rooms usually have fireplaces. The kitchens were located in the one story high rear addition. The increase in height of the third story (from a dormer story to an attic story) allowed the third story to be divided into two separate rooms, in place of the one open room usual with the dormer-storied houses, thus providing welcome, additional, private living space.

Houses of this type were usually rented, a block of such houses often being held by a single landlord, in most cases the builder or developer. In this case, the houses were sold by the builder to an individual who rented them to various tenants and then sold them to individual owners in 1862-1863.¹ The first owner/occupant of 27 Henrietta St. was a Dennis Maher, a machinist and millwright.²

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber GES 230, Folio 296; Liber GES 221, Folio 211. (The intermediate landlord/owner was an Isaiah Gardner, a wheelwright who lived on S. Charles St. near Barre St.)

²Baltimore City Directory, 1864, 1870

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

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STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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27-29 E. Henrietta Street
Block 0918 Lots 064-063
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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27-29 Henrietta St.

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North elevation